



**Nevada GEAR UP
First Year**

Subgrantee: Humboldt County School District
Name of School: McDermitt Combined School
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FY 02 Award: \$25,000.00
of students: 18

The McDermitt Combined School Principal will oversee and coordinate the GEAR UP program, and be responsible for the collection and reporting of all required data. The GEAR UP program plan for Year One includes the Career Center, Parents Who Care (PWC) program, Internet access, field trips, and mentoring.

The goal of the Career Center is to provide the GEAR UP students with meaningful access to career activities through grade level material that also target students by ethnicity and gender. This goal will be measured by student participation and the final result, at the end of the five-year GEAR UP program, of the school having an up-to-date career counseling center that meets the needs of all students in future years. The school will also contract with the JOIN program to provide students a one-week summer workshop in career planning, résumé development, job application, and interviewing techniques.

The goal of the PWC program is to provide parents and students with a forum to enhance the parents' understanding of what it is like to be a teenager in today's society. This will be accomplished by opening the lines of communication through improved family management practices as measured by parent participation.

Providing Internet access to the targeted student population is intended to improve student academic achievement as measured by improved overall student GPA's. Those students who maintain a 2.5 GPA will have access to ten phone lines for Internet access. The students will qualify for a 2.5 GPA based on their total junior high GPA, present quarter GPA, or present semester GPA. This qualifier was put into place due to some students having a far lower than 2.5 GPA in an effort to motivate those students to improve their school-wide performance.

Two field trips to visit college campuses are expected to improve student and parent awareness of campus life as measured by student and parent participation. The first field trip will be to UNR and will include a campus orientation visit, dining at the university cafeteria, and attending a UNR Men's Basketball game. The second will be an overnight trip for students and parents to visit Great Basin College's parent campus in Elko. The students will also visit the Winnemucca campus on the way home.



The goal of the mentoring program is to provide a forum for students to meet with role model adults in a non-threatening environment to support their junior high and high school experience. It is the goal of this mentoring program to provide all students with access to a teacher they know is in their corner monitoring their attendance, academic performance, and school involvement on a weekly basis. Students will also have access to their mentor throughout the school day.

The school will also contract with a motivational speaker for two days of workshops on the school campus. The workshop will target the GEAR UP students during the day and their parents in the evening.